

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1 (currently amended): An assembly for adjusting torque of a drum beater device including a foot-operated pedal drivingly connected to a rotating shaft and a beater mounted to said rotating shaft via a beater shaft, comprising

an adjustable main weight member adapted to be selectively mounted to said a beater shaft;

at least one add-on weight adapted to be selectively affixed to [[the]] said main weight member, wherein said at least one add-on weight is formed to partially circumscribe said beater shaft such that said at least one add-on weight may be added to said main weight member without removing [[the]] said beater shaft from [[the]] said rotating shaft.

Claim 2 (original): The assembly of claim 1, wherein said main weight member is a cylindrical member that circumscribes said beater shaft.

Claim 3 (original): The assembly of claim 1, wherein said main weight member comprises mechanical fastening means for selectively affixing said main weight member to discrete positions along a length of said beater shaft.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The assembly of claim [[1]] 3, wherein said mechanical fastening means comprises a key bolt adapted to be operated by a drummer's key used for other drum components.

Claim 5 (original): The assembly of claim 1, wherein said at least one add-on weight is fitted onto a mounting leg of said main weight member.

Claim 6 (original): The assembly of claim 1, wherein said at least one add-on weight is slidably disposed on a mounting leg of said main weight member.

Claim 7 (original): The assembly of claim 1, wherein said at least one add-on weight is threadably disposed on a mounting leg of said main weight member.

Claim 8 (original): The assembly of claim 1, further comprising a resilient member interposed between said main weight member and said at least one add-on weight to prevent vibration therebetween.

Claim 9 (original): The assembly of claim 1, wherein said at least one add-on weight is c-shaped.

Claim 10 (original): The assembly of claim 1, wherein said main weight member comprises a pair of mounting legs to selectively mount at least two add-on weights to said main

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weight member.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The assembly of claim 1, wherein said assembly provides at least three weight arrangements that may be positioned at substantially any position along a length of said beater shaft.

Claim 12 (original): The assembly of claim 11, wherein said at least three weight arrangements comprises a first arrangement where said main weight member is disposed on said beater shaft without an add-on weight, a second arrangement where a single add-on weight is affixed to said main weight member, and a third arrangement where two add-on weights are affixed to said main weight member.

Claims 13 (new): An assembly for adjusting torque of a drum beater device including a foot-operated pedal drivingly connected to a rotating shaft and a beater mounted to said rotating shaft via a beater shaft, comprising:

an adjustable main weight member adapted to be selectively mounted to said a beater shaft;

at least one add-on weight adapted to be selectively affixed to said main weight member, wherein said at least one add-on weight is formed to partially circumscribe said beater shaft such that said at least one add-on weight may be added to said main weight member without removing said beater shaft from said rotating shaft; and

a resilient member interposed between said main weight member and said at least one add-on weight to prevent vibration therebetween.

Claims 14 (original): An assembly for adjusting torque of a drum beater device including a foot-operated pedal drivingly connected to a rotating shaft and a beater mounted to said rotating shaft via a beater shaft, comprising:

an adjustable main weight member adapted to be selectively mounted to said a beater shaft; and

at least one c-shaped add-on weight adapted to be selectively affixed to said main weight member, wherein said at least one add-on weight is formed to partially circumscribe said beater shaft such that said at least one add-on weight may be added to said main weight member without removing said beater shaft from said rotating shaft.